

## 70,000 FOR HUGHES TORCHLIGHT PARADE

G. O. P. Committee Forced to Revise Plans When Enrollments Begin.

### BIGGEST AFFAIR OF KIND

Procession Saturday Night to Have Marchers From All Industries.

Plans for the big Hughes torchlight parade next Saturday night, the Hughes Parade Men's Association discovered yesterday, will have to be revised. It is going to be such a great affair that it cannot be handled on the original scale.

The parade committee, it appears, had only figured on having 35,000 marchers in line. But yesterday, when the delegates of all the industries interested gathered on the eighteenth floor of the Yale Club and began to report, there was a hasty changing of estimates.

"We'll have 3,500 at least, with four bands and a locomotive," announced the railway transportation delegate. "Three thousand for the insurance men," went on their representative. "And 4,000 for the college men, and 3,000 for the downtown dry goods traders." So it went until the uptown dry goods traders man knocked them all off their seats by announcing calmly that he had enrolled from his associates "4,000 marchers, with six bands and forty wagons, making nearly 6,000 in all."

### Expect 70,000 Men to Be in Line.

There are now more than 42,000 marchers enrolled in the industrial divisions of the parade, not including their bands. Between 10,000 and 20,000 more are enrolled from various political organizations. This makes between 57,000 and 62,000 enrolled already, and with four days more to go the committee confidently expects to have at least 70,000 men bearing flambeaux in the biggest torchlight parade ever held in the United States.

Police Headquarters records show that the largest torchlight procession ever held in any city until now counted some 30,000 men. Even at the present estimate of 62,000, the previous record is more than doubled. These figures are for torchlight parades, but the coming event will compare favorably with many of the greatest demonstrations of the past at whatever hour they were held. It will double the record of the great Dewey parade of 1899. It will excel the showing of 61,560 who took part in the torch parade of 1905, and it is not so many thousands behind the granddaddy of all political marches, the famous "sound money" parade of 1894, when there were 39,125 in line. In 1900 it was as enormous as the preparedness parade of last year, for there were 126,000 in that, not including the women and the National Guardsmen.

### Others Were Daylight Parades.

All of these were daylight parades and in most of them business was suspended to allow the marchers to gather. Now it is considered that this is to be at night—Saturday night, too, when most men want to be at home or off for the week end, after an ordinary Saturday night of 1900, when it was the political effect of the demonstration takes on a significance that the men of New York definitely out of the "doubtful" list and furnish an index to popular opinion everywhere.

"A prominent man of this morning has asked me this morning how many we expected to have in line," Col. Charles H. Sherrill said at the meeting yesterday. "I answered about 40,000 men. Said he: 'If you get 40,000 men in a torchlight procession for Hughes Saturday night, then Wilson is licked more surely than any man who ever ran for office.'"

### See 235 Hughes Electoral Votes.

"In general, reports of the various business men's branches throughout the country show 235 electoral votes clinched for Hughes. Parades similar to ours are to be held everywhere. There will be 100,000 in line next Saturday night in Columbus, Ohio, and the betting there has jumped to 2 to 1 on Hughes. Chicago has 20,000 enrolled and other cities are in proportion. Waterbury, Conn., is to have a parade and the fireworks alone will cost \$2,000. In St. Louis there will be 1,000 automobiles in the parade. It's the same everywhere."

"Rain will not cripple the parade. We'll carry umbrellas, and I tell you that one-fourth of our marchers will be out at night in the rain, will have more political effect than 100 per cent. on a clear night."

It has been decided to call Saturday night only Hughes day, but "the spirit of '76 day." This slogan, conceived by the parade committee, has been taken up throughout the country and is responsible to some extent for the tremendous enrollments reported. It is a direct slap at Secretary of War Baker for his remark comparing the men of the Revolution to Villa's bandits.

### "Spirit of '76 Is Still Alive."

"It is to show Mr. Baker that he can't make statements that that sort about George Washington's heroes and get away with it in this country," Mr. Sherrill declared. "The spirit of '76 is still alive, and we're depending on it." It was the last business meeting of the committee before the parade. Mr. Sherrill announced at its end that this is the last parade he will organize, but his statement was not taken seriously. The meeting closed with a serious agreement to work constantly that there may be no inactivity on any of the banners used or in any other part of the demonstration. At the very end—it was almost like a consecration—the committee stood and, after an invocation, repeated the Lord's Prayer with the Rev. Dr. Herbert Shipman of the Church of the Heavenly Host, chaplain of the preparedness parade, and of this.

The 70,000 men will march fourteen abreast instead of ten, owing to the increased numbers. This, considering the fact that the parade will equal eighteen miles under ordinary parading conditions and will change the whole formation of each section.

### Parade to Form "Wheel of Fire."

There will be eight sections, forming the spokes of a "wheel of fire," and all of them will march from their starting point to Madison Square, the hub of the flaming wheel, thence northward up Fifth avenue to Fifty-seventh street, the disbanding point.

The parade will last from 6:15 P. M. until past midnight.

There will be no reviewing stand, for various reasons, but the Union League club has reserved a balcony stand for the members, and part of this will be reserved for the official reviewing officers. There will be the Republican candidate,

Charles E. Hughes, ex-President Taft, Elihu Root and, if he is in the city, Col. Roosevelt. If he arrives in the city in time Mr. Hughes will ride at the head of the parade to the Union League Club. The gathering at the point for the sections and the industries included in them are as follows:

### SOUTHWEST SECTOR.

Lieut.-Col. John J. Byrne, Chief of Aids.

I. Dry good trade, Capt. Henry D. Cooper, marshal, will assemble on Worth street, facing east, head of column at Broadway, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

II. Horse clothing and saddlery, William P. Menger, marshal, will assemble on Thomas street, facing east, head of column at Broadway, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

III. The boot and shoe trade, Nathaniel C. Fisher, marshal, will assemble on East Washington square, facing south, head of column at Washington square south, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

IV. Hat trade, William J. Dixon, marshal, will assemble on East Washington square, facing west, head of column at Washington square, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

V. Steam, Water and Gas Supply Association, William B. Swift, marshal, will assemble on South Washington square, facing east, head of column at West Broadway, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

VI. Coffee, tea, sugar and allied trades, on South Washington square, facing east, head of column at Sullivan street, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

VII. Drug, oil and paint trades, Dr. William J. Schell, marshal, will assemble on North Washington square, facing east, head of column at Fifth avenue, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

VIII. Scott's—goods, H. B. Spaulding, marshal, will assemble on East Waverly place, facing west, head of column at Waverly place, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

IX. New York Produce Exchange, H. L. Johnson, marshal, will assemble on North Washington square, facing east, head of column at Fifth avenue, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

X. Women's garment, B. C. Paulkner, marshal, will assemble on West Waverly place, facing west, head of column at Washington square west, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XI. Fur trade, Albert Cohn, marshal, will assemble on West Washington square, facing north, head of column at North Washington square, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XII. Coal trade, William D. Leeds, marshal, will assemble on West Washington square, facing west, head of column at Washington square, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XIII. Wholesale millinery, Granville M. Daley, marshal, will assemble on East Ninth street, facing east, head of column at Fifth avenue, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

### SOUTHEAST SECTOR.

Lieut. Howard C. Smith, Chief of Aids.

XIV. Silks, XV. Clothing, XVI. Knit Goods, XVII. Haberdashery, XVIII. Needle and Sewing Machine, XIX. Laces and Embroideries, XX. Lace and Embroideries, XXI. Dry goods trades, Albert Tili, marshal, will assemble on Union Square, facing east, head of column at East Seventeenth street, East Eighteenth street, East Nineteenth street, East Twentieth street, East Twenty-first street, and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XXII. Carpet trade, Myron W. Robinson, marshal, will assemble on East Seventeenth street, facing west, head of column at Union Square East (Fourth avenue), and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XXIII. Upholsterers, Harry C. Meany, marshal, will assemble on Union Square East (Fourth avenue), facing north, head of column at Union Square East (Seventh street), and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XXIV. Real estate, Albert S. Ashforth, marshal, will assemble on Union Square East (Fourth avenue), facing north, head of column at Union Square East (Seventh street), and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XXV. Hide and leather, Major Thomas B. Fleming, marshal, will assemble on East Sixteenth street, facing west, head of column at Union Square East (Fourth avenue), and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XXVI. Exporters, W. A. Will, marshal, will assemble on East Sixteenth street, facing west, head of column at Union Square East (Fourth avenue), and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

XXVII. Pianos, Albert Behning, marshal, will assemble on East Fifteenth street, facing west, head of column at Union Square East (Fourth avenue), and be ready to march at 6:15 P. M.

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